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SUBJ: 61ST ECOSOC: US PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS: INITIAL  
AUSTRIAN REACTION THERETO

REF: STATE 179170

1. CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, CALLED ON MFA CHIEF POLITICAL BUREAU AMBASSADOR STEINER (HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL AVAILABLE) JULY 22 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT. FOLLOWING REVIEW OF TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL, GOA SUPPORT FOR US PROPOSAL WAS REQUESTED. ALSO ATTENDING MEETING WERE MFA CHIEF WESTERN HEMISPHERE-WESTERN EUROPEAN SECTION MINISTER AGSTNER AND MFA ACTING CHIEF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SECTION COUNSELOR ROHAN.

2. STEINER STATED THAT GOA HAS THUS FAR HANDLED SUBJECT AS ROUTINE MATTER BUT ADDED THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD POLITICAL IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO ITS PORPOSAL AT THIS JUNCTURE. HE SAID GOA'S PRELIMINARY REACTION  
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WAS ONE OF SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE FOR US PROPOSAL, AS

SET FORTH IN GENERAL TERMS BY EMBASSY OFFICERS, BUT THAT GOA WOULD NEED MORE INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING VIEWS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BEFORE AUSTRIAN POSITION ON SPECIFICS OF US PROPOSAL COULD BE DEVELOPED.

3. STEINER NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO MFA RECORD THERE HAD BEEN NO CONTACT BETWEEN US AND AUSTRIAN DELS IN GENEVA ON SUBJECT AND SUGGESTED THAT INFORMAL EXHCANGE OF VIEWS IN GENEVA MIGHT BE USEFUL BEFORE ITEM PUT TO VOTE NEXT WEEK. FURTHER, MFA OFFICIALS SAID THEY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER US PLANNING TO AMEND ITS ORIGINAL DRAFT PROPOSAL AND IF SO, COULD GOA BE GIVEN COPY ASAP.

4. COMMENT: AUSTRIAN SOUNDINGS WITH LDCS AND AUSTRIAN ESTIMATE OF POSSIBLE COMMUNIST REACTION TO SUBJECT LIKELY TO BE IMPORTANT INPUT IN DEVELOPMENT OF ULTIMATE AUSTRIAN POSITION. THEREFORE URGE EARLY CONTACT WITH AUSTRIAN DEL IN GENEVA TO REENFORCE MAJOR IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO MATTER. ALSO SUGGEST THAT IN SUCH CONVERSATION FACT OF REPORTED STRONG SUPPORT (PARA 3 REFTEL) BY NETHERLANDS, NORWAY AND SWEDEN FOR US PROPOSAL, WHICH CITED TO MFA, BE REPEATED TO AUSTRIAN DEL SINCE POSITION OF THESE COUNTRIES HAS IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON FINAL POSITION NEUTRAL AUSTRIA ADOPTS ON ANY CONTROVERSIAL ITEM. TRINKA

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